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In re Patent of
Pelrine et al.

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Application No. 10/047,485 : DECISION Filed: October 26, 2001 : ON PETITION

Title of Invention:

ELASTOMERIC DIELECTRIC POLYMER

FILM SONIC ACTUATOR

This is a decision on the Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application or Lapsed Patent (37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 3, 2004.

The petition is dismissed.

Any further petition to revive the above-identified application must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137." This is not final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the final Office action, mailed October 20, 2003. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply. No extensions of time having been obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a), this application became abandoned on January 21, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 18, 2004.

Applicant files the instant petition and Amendment B in response to the final Office action.

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply (unless previously filed); (2) the petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing

the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) if required, a terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)). Applicant lacks item (1).

As to item (1), Applicant has not submitted a proper reply to the October 30, 2003 Office action. The Amendment B, filed with the instant petition on June 3, 2004, attempts to introduce new issues not heretofore presented.

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